

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Independence & Freedom *John 8:32*

What does **Independence** mean to you?

What does **Freedom** mean to you?

Webster (1950) defines independence as:

- Self-government & maintenance
- Not relying on others
- Not subject to the control of others

Webster (1950) defines freedom as:

- Exempt from the compulsion or constraints of others
- The liberty of personal choice

Many of us believe we have clear understanding of what **independence** and **freedom** mean for us as Americans.

What do they mean for us **as Christians**?

Jesus said (**John 8:32**),

“And you shall **know** the truth, and **the truth** shall **make you free**.”

- Can genuine independence & freedom exist apart from **The Truth**?

Because He then said,

“Therefore, **if the Son makes you free**, you shall be **free indeed**.”

By faith in Christ, we are **independent** and **free** of the constraints of the godless world around us.

- We are free to choose **how** & **why** we live for Him
- Free to place ourselves **under His authority**
- Free from the burden of **self-direction** & **authority** (John 5:19 & 20:21)
- Free from the **threat** of sin & death
- Free from the **hopelessness** of an uncertain future

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Romans 5:1-5

- Justified, peace, stand, hope & glory

Romans 8:18-25

- (**Vs. 21**) Creation **doesn't** perform

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- Repentant follower of Jesus, “I can't do this”
- **Jesus**, “I know. You don't have to. I forgive you.”

The freedom & independence of eternal truth...

Are ours **in His forgiveness**